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report on Polish naval vessels as of late 1956. Many of the ships described in the attachment are also included in Janes's Fighting Ships (1956-1957), pages 266 and 267, but there are some ships (submarine chasers and 74-75 patrol boats) which are not. There are also differences in armament in several ships. The following units are described:

Destroyer BLYSKAWICA

Destroyer BURZA

Subchaser of the 116 Class

Subchaser of the 76 Class

Submarines ZEMEK, KIS, WILEK, SEP

S-1 and S-2 Motor Patrol Boats

Minesweepers (131 Tons)

Minesweepers (200 Tons)

Motor Patrol Boats SMIALY, SZYBKI, SPRAWNY, ODWAZNY, KARNY, DZIELNY, BYSTRY,

BEZWZGLĘDNY, DZIARSKI, NIEDOSCIGLY, NIEUCHWYTN

Patrol Boats (74-75 Tons)

Motor Tankers

Training Ships ZEMEPOWIEC, ISKRA, DAR POMORZA

Surveying Vessel KOZIOROZEC

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DATA ON POLISH NAVAL VESSELS

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The Polish Navy, which was completely defeated, sunk and dispersed during the last world war, has been assigned by the USSR an important role in the eastern bloc's naval program.

This program, which was initiated immediately after the war and calls for light and medium-size units, is currently proceeding according to the original plans.

The following units are now in service:

Destroyer Blyskawica

Tonnage, 2,145 tons; length, 114 meters; beam, 11.30 meters; speed, 37-38 knots; draught, 3.20 meters. Armament: eight 102-mm antiaircraft guns, mounted on two turrets with four pieces each; four 40-mm antiaircraft guns; four 20-mm antiaircraft guns; 4 quadruple mounted antiaircraft machine guns; four 533-mm torpedo tubes. Equipment: radar, "pel" ^{DF equipment?} [sic], 3 radios with different frequency bands, and smoke generators.

Destroyer Burza

Tonnage, 2,100 tons; length, 104 meters; beam, 10.20 meters; draught, about 4 meters; speed, 33-34 knots. Armament: two 130-mm guns mounted on a turret; one 102-mm antiaircraft gun; one 76-mm antiaircraft gun; four 40-mm antiaircraft guns; six twin-mounted antiaircraft machine guns; three 533-mm torpedo tubes. Equipment: radar, 2 radios, ^{DF} "pel," and smoke generators.

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Newly Built Subchaser of the "116" Class

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Speed, 38-40 knots; armed with one 20-mm antiaircraft gun, one set of quadruple-mounted machine guns, three 12-mm antiaircraft machine guns, and two 533-mm torpedo tubes. The exact number of subchasers of this type is kept strictly secret, but it is possible to assert at least 50 of them are in service.

Newly Built Subchaser of the "76" Class

Speed, 40 knots; armed with a set of quadruple-mounted antiaircraft machine guns, four 12-mm antiaircraft machine guns, and two torpedo tubes. The exact number of subchasers of this type is unknown, but it is believed that about 80 of them are in service.

Submarines Zbik, Rys, Wilk, and Sęp

These are the four large submarines on whose specifications no data are available. They are equipped with Schnorkel periscopes.

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Small and Pocket Submarines

All of these units are of recent construction or are currently under construction. Their exact number is unknown, but it may be set at between 50 and 60.

Six S-1 Motor Patrol Boats

These units are of 32 tons each and are armed with two sets of twin-mounted antiaircraft guns and two torpedo tubes.

Undetermined Number of S-2 Motor Patrol Boats

These are newly built units of 32 to 35 tons each, armed with two sets of twin-mounted machine guns and two torpedo tubes.

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Nine Minesweepers of 131 Tons

Length, 31 meters; beam, 4.90 meters; speed, 10-12 knots; draught, 1.50 meters. Armament: two 20-mm antiaircraft guns, two sets of quadruple-mounted antiaircraft machine guns, and two sets of twin-mounted antiaircraft machine guns. Another 12 such minesweepers of this type are currently under construction. The first of them is to be commissioned toward the end of 1957.

Eight Minesweepers of About 200 Tons

Length, 42 meters; beam, 6.40 meters; draught, 1.70 meters (?); speed, 16 knots. Armament: one 76-mm gun; 4 sets of quadruple-mounted machine guns; two antiaircraft machine guns.

Eleven Motor Patrol Boats

Smialy, Szybki, Sprawny, Odwazny, Karny, Dzielny, Bystry, Bezwzglesny, Dziarsky, Niedoscigly, and Nieuchwytny: all units of the same class, built from 1946 to 1951. Displacement, 43 tons; length, 24 meters; beam, 4 meters; draught, 1.70 meters; speed, 25-28 knots. Armament: one 37-mm gun and two sets of twin-mounted 13-mm machine guns. Equipment: radar and radio. It is known that additional series of this type of vessel are under construction, but no data are available with regard to their specifications or date of commission.

Undetermined Number of Patrol Boats of 74-75 Tons

Speed, 20-22 knots; armament: one 37-mm gun and 2 sets of twin-mounted 20-mm machine guns; equipment; radar and radio. Their exact number is unknown, but is estimated to be at least 30.

About 10 Motor Tankers

Tonnage, 450-500 tons; speed, about 10 knots; armament: equipped with

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emplacements for antiaircraft guns. The name of only one of them is known:
it is the Stuthof.

Training Ship ^zZe~~z~~empowiec

Tonnage, 1,950 tons; speed, 10 knots. During its visit to Yugoslavia
in 1956, this unit was under the command of Commander Robert Mietelica. ✓

Training Ships Iskra and Dar Pomorza

Two small training vessels assigned to the Naval Academy.

The Ship Koziorozec

Displacement, 220 tons; speed, about 10 knots; equipped with emplacements
for antiaircraft guns. Assigned to the Hydrographic Institute of the Polish
Navy.

Large Number of Auxiliary Vessels

These are units of varying tonnage on which no specific data are
available.

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